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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant : Bernegger-Egli et al.

Serial No. : TBA; Divisional Application
of Serial Number 09/194,626

Examiner: TBA

Filed : November 13, 2001

Group Art Unit: TBA

For : PROCESS FOR THE PREPARATION OF AMINO ACID
ALCOHOLS AND DERIVATIVES THEREOF

EXPRESS MAIL NUMBER: EF321679975US

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Hon. Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sirs:

In accordance with Rule 115 of the Rules of Practice, please consider the following amendments and remarks. Applicants submit concurrently herewith a Transmittal Letter in connection with the filing of a divisional application of 09/194,626.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel claims 1-15, without prejudice.

Please add the following new claims:

(-16.) (New) A microorganism that it is able to utilize cyclopentene derivatives

selected from the group of derivatives of the general formula:

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